

LOCAL SUBJECTS

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

(Nos. 177 to 194.)

SUBJECT No: 177.

Appointment of a Special Magistrate at Tirthahalli.

Messrs. K. T. Devappa, Sankarappa and H. S. Venkappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Mr. K. T. Devappa.—Last year, we prayed that a Second Class Magistrate's Court may be established at Tirthahalli and we were told that the matter would be considered. For all Second Class cases, people have, at present, to go to Shimoga which is very inconvenient. Government have to incur the expenses of travelling of the various officers, which amounts to not less than Rs. 2,000 a year. The Shimoga Court is over-worked and cases are necessarily delayed. People are put to a great loss on account of frequent travelling to and from Shimoga for these cases. A Special Second Class Magistrate's Court may therefore be established in Tirthahalli itself.

Third Member of Council.—Government have invested Tirthahalli Bench Courts with Third Class powers. It is only for Second Class cases that Tirthahalli people have to go to Shimoga. The distance from Shimoga to Tirthahalli is not much and you have all facilities for travelling. There are two courts in the Shimoga District, one at Shimoga and the other at Sagar. Are you willing to go to Sagar instead for Second Class cases? You will not agree to this. In regard to inconvenience, even Agumbe people had to come to Tirthahalli for their cases and they have not objected. Do you think the Amildar may be re-invested with magisterial powers?

Mr. Devappa.—I am agreeable in order to obviate the present difficulties.

Dewan.—That would be a retrograde step indeed. A Special Magistrate's Court for each taluk is impossible.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.—As an alternative, perhaps the Special Magistrate may be ordered to hold his court for 15 days at Shimoga and for the remaining period in the month at Tirthahalli.

Third Member of Council.—Circuit Courts have inconveniences of their own.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—It is really difficult for people to go from Tirthahalli to Shimoga in the rainy season. If it is thought to be a retrograde policy to re-invest the Amildar with Magisterial powers, Bench Courts may be given Second Class powers.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The inconvenience to Tirthahalli people is more imaginary than real. At present, they have to come to Shimoga for civil cases and no inconvenience is represented in that connection.

Dewan.—Investing Second Class powers to Bench Magistrates will be considered. There is no need for a separate Magistrate.

SUBJECT NO. 178.

An additional High School for the Shimoga District.

Messrs. A. Narasimha Iyengar and H. Venkatagiriappa, Sagar Taluk; Nadig Bhas-kara Rao and Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Sorab Taluk; D. Basalingappa, Sagar Municipality and H. S. Venkappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Mr. Narasimha Iyengar.—Every year, about 50 or 60 boys pass the Lower Secondary Examination from Sagar and these boys have to go to Shimoga if they want to continue their studies. Such being the case, only a very few go to Shimoga with the object of continuing their studies while the other poor boys have to discontinue. The Shimoga High School is only useful for the Shimoga boys and a few other well-to-do boys who can afford to go to Shimoga incurring heavy expenses. Sagar is in the centre of four *Malnad* taluks and by opening a High School at Sagar, all these four taluks will be benefited. This is one way of improving the *Malnad* parts.

Dewan.—Some say that as High School at Tirthahalli is more useful.

Mr. Basalingappa.—Opening a High School at Tirthahalli would be more useful. The people of Tirthahalli contributed about Rs. 8,000 out of which about Rs. 4,000 has already been spent for the A. V. School.

Mr. Narasimhaiengar.—I beg to suggest that a Committee may be formed and the question whether to open the High School at Tirthahalli or Sagar may be decided on its recommendation. If it is not possible to open a High School at Sagar, arrangements may at least be made to open a Fourth Form there as there are some graduates one of whom will be enough for teaching.

Inspector-General of Education.—It is not possible to manage with one additional teacher as there will be many subjects to be taught.

Mr. Venkappa Gowda.—If it is not possible to give us a High School at Tirthahalli, the amount that has been deposited may kindly be returned. The Missionaries are quite willing to open the school.